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Camera Team Is Detained by CIA

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Two television newsmen assigned to film background scenes for a WTTG report on ousted CIA agent Hans Tofte, were "detained" by the agency for 20 minutes Friday afternoon after they were discovered filming the highway approach to its Langley headquarters.

The men, Metromedia News cameraman John Landi and soundman Gene Gerlach, were ordered to drive inside the CIA gate by a guard who ran to their car as they approached the Agency's north entrance.

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The guard ordered Mr. Gerlach to drive inside the gate and told the men to remain in the car while he checked with "security," WWTG newsmen Steve Nevas said yesterday.

Mr. Nevas, who had filmed a lengthy interview with Mr. Tofte earlier last week, said his station (Channel 5) had told the CIA about the program, which it plans to broadcast in five parts, beginning tonight, on its 10 p.m. new show.

He said the two men were assigned to take motion pictures from their car as it approached the gates of the Agency's huge headquarters building off George Washington Memorial Parkway. But they were not to attempt to enter the gates.

He said the segment film was to be shown as background to Mr. Tofte's account of how he was driven to Langley for questioning by CIA Security personnel last July after they found Agency documents in his Georgetown home.

Mr. Nevas said the two men turned off the parkway and Mr. Landi leaned out the window and began taking his film. The film now shows the guard "running out of his booth toward the car" — which wasn't in the script.

The two men told him, Mr.

Nevas said, that the guard demanded, "What are you doing with a camera around here? Don't you know you can't take pictures in here?"

Mr. Landi, he said, reminded the guard that a sign on the tall chain link fence surrounding the CIA tract warns only that photographs are not to be taken inside the fence. At that, they were ordered to drive inside and wait while the guard telephoned CIA Security offices. After 20 minutes during which CIA officials presumably decided what to do about them, the guard returned and told them they were free to leave.